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MONTEREY NEWS

October, 1972

O U R T O W N

Falcon Resigns as Police Chief -- Lyman Appointed

Thaddeus Falcon resigned as Monterey Chief of Police on Tuesday, October 3. This was following a meeting with the Selectmen that lasted over two hours.

The most recent general indication of difficulties existing in this area of our town's administration came when Mr. Falcon sent a letter on September 14 to "The Towns' people of Monterey", in which he spoke of "considerable disagreement between the Selectmen, one member in particular, and myself." He also referred to "unreasonable demands, harassment ...insult" as having led him to contemplate tendering his resignation.

There were five areas of disagreement that emerged in the ensuing discussions, and statements were made through different media on positions taken regarding these areas of disagreement. The central issue revolved around the supervisory role the Selectmen have in most New England towns. It is a fact that the By-laws of the Town of Monterey contain a provision that the Selectmen are responsible for supervision. The unsolved problem in this case appeared to be the difference between the Selectmen viewing their decisions as "supervision" and Mr. Falcon viewing them as "unreasonable demands."

The Selectmen voting to accept Mr. Falcon's resignation were Chairman John Pizzichemi and Richard Tryon. Kenneth Heath cast a dissenting vote.

At a meeting on October 6, about 70 of Mr. Falcon's supporters met to ask him to reconsider his resignation. He agreed to do so if the Selectmen requested it.

On October 6 the Selectmen appointed Douglas Lyman to serve as part-time Acting Police Chief. Mr. Lyman has been a member of the Monterey police force for six years. He and other members of the police force have conferred on the best ways for the Town of Monterey to continue receiving adequate police protection, and are reporting to the Selectmen on the results of their deliberations as the MONTEREY NEWS goes to press.

Meanwhile, on October 12, the "blue phone" system was re-instated, retaining the same number as the former "code-a-phone" network: 528-3211.

Environmental Impact Meeting Gets Input from Citizens

Representatives of the state Department of Public Works conducted a meeting in the church social room on October 2 to hear the views of the citizens of Monterey regarding the environmental impact of various proposed ways in which Route 23 might pass through the town.

Maps were prepared showing all the corridors that have been considered. Included were outlines of water impoundment and State Forest areas that have been especially controversial points in the Route 23 By-pass proposals.

Early in the meeting Mrs. Catherine Mielke, president of "Save Scenic Monterey", read a statement and presented the environmental impact study prepared by SSM entitled "Which Way Monterey?" During the reading of the statement those opposed to the By-pass were asked to stand. It is estimated that 80 to 90 percent of those present stood up.

The other principal group input was presented by Robert Gauthier, president of "Save All Monterey". His report emphasized the inevitability of the eventual relocation of Route 23 and the benefits that would accrue to the town as a result.

Several other citizens gave their opinions as to the favorable or unfavorable effects of the proposed By-pass. The surprise testimony of the evening came from Douglas Poland of the Department of Natural Resources, who stated that the department is totally opposed to the presently proposed relocation route, which would pass through two future water impoundment sites.

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It is expected to be three to four months before a draft statement on the environmental impact is available from the Department of Public Works. Citizens have from now until 45 days following release of the statement to write letters expressing their opinion on the environmental impact of any part of the Route 23 proposals.

Commissioner Barlow, who chaired the meeting, praised the group who had gathered for their excellent conduct of themselves on such an emotion-charged issue and urged the continuation of this spirit.

Walter Parks Returns as Postmaster

After about a year as officer-in-charge of the Post Office in Cheshire, Walter Parks has returned to Monterey as Postmaster. Joan Salzmann will continue to assist him part-time. Welcome back, Walter!

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

Until the spring there is only one Mass, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning Worship, 10:30 o'clock every Sunday. . . .Church school, 9:15 a.m. for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. . . . Prayer and Bible study group every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at the Hadley Simons home.

Musical Instruments for Worship — Musicians who produce a variety of sounds and tones are invited to bring their instruments and their talents to the morning worship on Sunday, October 22. We will meet on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to find ways to fit all the instruments into the worship pattern. In order to know who is planning to participate, interested musicians are invited to call Dr. Virgil Brallier at 528-1031.

Adult Study Groups — The parish council has been considering the question of adult study groups. As discussions have proceeded it seems more and more likely that different patterns of adult concerns will emerge from the community. Do you know someone who has a special knowledge he or she should be sharing with his neighbors? Do you have something you should be sharing? Would you be willing to participate in a study group that might meet for a single session only, or for an area of concern that might bring people together for as many as a dozen times. Be on the alert. Look for things to happen. Cause something to happen!

Philergians — The Philergians are having their first meeting of the fall on Thursday, October 19, at the home of Marie Brallier. All women in the community are invited.

MONTEREY GRANGE

On October 4 we had a competitive program and the captains were Annette Nelson and Ann Vickerman. Annette's side won with a "License Bureau" program. Ann's side also presented an excellent program on the theme of Hallowe'en.

The Grange is very proud that Florence Brown won first prize on the State Grange level for her crocheted table cloth, making her eligible to go on to the national level competition.

Ann Vickerman will be Monterey delegate to the State Grange Convention in Plymouth the latter part of October.

Our October 18 meeting will be a Hallowe'en party. Costume or fine!

Mary Wallace

ON BEING FREE TO GROW

We praise growth in persons. We celebrate when we see it occurring in our children. Growth is almost universally regarded as good and desirable. In the face of this widespread applause one might suppose that growth would be one of the most common of human experiences. Tragically, however, there are many impediments in the way of growth. The experience of being stopped, boxed in, trapped in the growth process is all around us, and often within us.

Growth seems almost automatic in the early years of life. The child is thrown into one new experience after another. True, the new experiences may sometimes knock him off balance for awhile, but the fact of having to integrate new ways of seeing things is an important part of this seeming "automatic" growth in youth. Growth is <u>not</u> automatic in the child. It is simply that so many of the conditions for growing are present in his life that is much more likely to occur.

When adults fulfill the necessary conditions they, too, are candidates for growth. What are some of these conditions? The introduction of new experiences, willingness to make mistakes, awareness of oneself and others, lively contact with one's feelings.

The rate of growth declines when a person settles into a routine life-pattern. If there are no new educational or social experiences, no challenges in work, no emerging experiences in marriage or personal relationships, the incentives to grow grind to a halt. When an adult begins to be aware that he is becoming boxed in, one of his first concerns should be to find ways of introducing fresh experiences into his life. These may have an overwhelming effect on him. As with the child during the seemingly automatic growth period, he may be knocked off balance for awhile. Yet this is a risk we must all take.

After all, walking forward is essentially a process of throwing oneself off balance and catching oneself again. This is the very process that is involved in growth. The child learning to walk falls, gets up again, and continues falling and getting up until he masters the tricky process of maintaining movement and balance at the same time. It is his willingness to make the same mistake over and over that enables him to learn so fast. Yet, as adults, we often become embarrassed over mistakes, we feel ashamed or stupid and then start trying to cover them up. Soon all the enthusiasm is drained out of our endeavors.

Adults who are concerned about keeping a growing edge must find ways to create a climate in which failure is not made a shameful thing. How free we would be to grow if we were not so horrified at the prospect of appearing foolish, weak or stupid? It is well to remember Martin Luther's advice, "Sin bravely and trust God more bravely still!"

Awareness is a crucial ingredient for deepening the dimensions of a person's life. Learning to read one's own story is a "must". There is a saying about nations that the ones that do not learn from history are destined to repeat their history over and over. This is especially true in the history of persons. If I have not learned to "read", for instance, my tendency to self-denigration, in an uncanny fashion, I will repeat this part of my story over and over in one situation after another. Worst of all, I will only faintly recognize the way I am doing this, and then, usually, only after it is all done. Until I sharpen my awareness of this tendency to run myself down, I cannot even begin to deal with a pattern that is so destructive to my growth.

Most of us need the help of others to increase our self-awareness. This is one of the reasons that group approaches to awareness are sweeping the country. It is almost impossible to overcome our own blindness without allowing others to become mirrors, reflecting back to us the images created by our actions. Truly, we cannot be human alone.

Finally, growing depends upon our being in lively contact with our feelings. Yet there is a baleful trend in our society toward shutting down emotions as we grow older. We have all sometimes landed in trouble because of what we were feeling, so we start to distrust feeling itself. This cripples our guidance system. It is as though we were flying a plane by radio beam and then the beam fades. We lose direction when we lose track of our emotions. We may become ashamed of some of our longings and condemn them as childish, or we may dismiss our feelings of anger as immature. Yet at the moment we reject our feelings we start enclosing ourselves into a "no-growth" pattern. If we want to continue growing "through length of days", then, we must find ways to open up our feelings rather than shut them down.

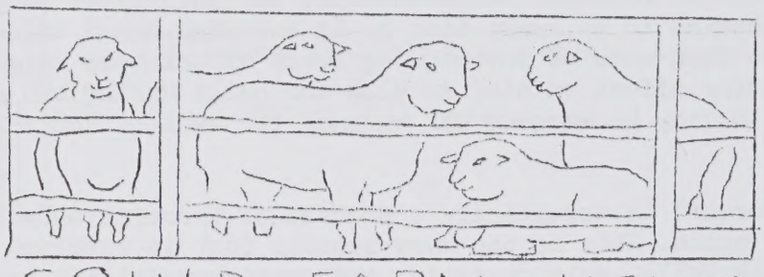
It is an awesome thing to accept our humanity. Yet this is the beginning of what many of us believe to be the acceptance of God. God's greatest gift to us was, first of all, our own being. Until we accept ourselves and the conditions for growth built into our humanity, we are denying God, who is the very source of life.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY?

I see the leaves changing and the grass fading, but it seems like just yesterday that Monterey was in the midst of a bustling, green summer. Where does the time go? What kind of a year are you having, neighbor? Are you a new grandfather? Did your son go off to college or a new job, leaving that empty chair at the table to remind you how much you miss him? Are you waiting for the annual Town Meeting to catch up on what is happening in Monterey? Feeling frustrated because you have to call twenty people each time you set up a firemen's meeting? There is a better way. Call me (Lennie Williams, 528-2902) or drop me a postcard (Lee Side Lodge, S.R. 70, Box 47B, Great Barrington) and I will include your family news or group announcements in the Monterey section of the Berkshire Eagle. This is a community service of the paper, and can be a great contribution to keeping us all up to date with Monterey news. Remember to include the "who, what, when, where and why" facts, plus your name and phone number. As the leaves fall, school bells ring, and Monterey's 31 clubs, societies and groups forge on with their good work, let's keep informed! Fran Amidon has done a marvellous job getting the column started, and her help has been invaluable to me in taking over this important task. A hearty vote of thanks to Fran for all she has done!

Lennie Williams
Monterey Correspondent
for THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE



GOULD FARM NEWS

The second weekend in October is the one selected annually for the members of the Gould Farm corporation to meet and discuss the Farm's overall situation and to take a good look at its progress and prospects. They also elect new members, directors and committees, as needed. Saturday morning, October 7, in spite of a heavy rain, 37 of the William J. Gould Associates, as they are officially called, gathered in the Main House living room. They chose a new member of the Board of Directors to fill the one existing vacancy. He is James F. Gillespie, Ph.D., a psychologist living in Westport, Connecticut. Dr. Gillespie and Thomas Rankin, a Boston lawyer, were elected Associates, bringing the total number of the corporation to 60, its present legal maximum.

Another new member of the Board is the Rev. Richard Coleman of the Christian Center in Pittsfield. He was appointed by the Pittsfield Area Council of Churches to serve as their representative on the Gould Farm Board for the coming year. Of the 25 members of the Board of Directors, 19 were present, travelling from as far away as Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

One interesting feature of the occasion was the opportunity for these friends of the Farm to meet the new Executive Director, Kent Smith, and his family. A reception was held Sunday afternoon, October 8, especially to welcome the Smiths. Berkshire County friends and neighbors joined the Farm family and the Associates for this happy occasion.

Rose McKee

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The first meeting of the PTA was held at the New Marlborough Center School, and was a covered-dish supper. At that time the group voted to donate $10 to the new Cub Scout den led by Mrs. Arthur Goewey. The members agreed to sponsor a Christmas Card Sale for the benefit of the fourth grade trip. The Scholarship By-law was accepted. It reads as follows: "Ideally, one scholarship will be given to a student who is a resident of New Marlborough and one to a student who is a resident of Monterey. It shall be required that the students shall have attended either the New Marlborough or the Monterey School for one year."

Two committees were organized. Mr. Paul Langer is the Chairman of the Playground Equipment Committee and Mrs. Judy Thompson and Mrs. Maureen Clark will act as co-chairmen of the Toy Sale.

In lieu of an October meeting, the PTA will act as host for the Open House, October 26, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to be held at the New Marlborough Center School.

Brian Callahan
President

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 39 has passed through a period of inactivity. This was due to the necessity of Douglas Lyman's resignation as scout master. Good men get overloaded sometimes and something has to give. Unfortunately, in this case it was the scouts who lost his able and dedicated leadership.

Those on the scout committee are pleased to announce that this is not the end of the story. We have located a new man to give leadership to the Boy Scouts of Monterey and New Marlborough. He is Eugene Bowski, a teacher at Avalon School. Meetings of the troop began several weeks ago. The meetings have been in the home of William Fennell in Hartsville. Last year's Webelos have been incorporated into the troop.

CUB SCOUTS

Den #1 and #2 have made field trips to the Fish Hatchery in Hartsville and the whip factory in Southfield.

Our first Pack meeting will be Friday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., in the church social room. The theme this month is "Discovering America".

Webelos are meeting Friday evenings, 7:00 to 8:15 in the library basement.

Pat Andrus is the leader of Den #1; Diane Mackenzie, Den #2; and Webelos are led by Jack Ryder.

GIRL SCOUTS

New leaders this year are Georgianna Burns and Anna Bynack. We are lucky to have found them to head up the two cadet groups, which are meeting Tuesday afternoons after school in the church social room. Mary Thorn and Mary Jo Lemmerman will be leading the upper and lower juniors. The day of the week for meetings has not yet been decided upon but will be announced soon. It's not too late to join up, so call Mary Thorn (528-1644) if you are interested.

BROWNIES

Maxine Labrecque, with the help of Betty Papp, will be leading the Brownies this year. Meetings are to be held Thursday afternoons at the home of Betty Papp in Monterey. Here, too, we have a happy ending to the search for lost leaders!

MONTEREY YOUTH

"The old order changeth" can certainly be said for the Monterey Youth Group. A large part of the group were high school seniors in the spring, and most of them are gone from the town now.

"A new day is coming" can also be said. Quite a number have graduated from the Junior Hi Group into the high school age group. A new identity and a new group spirit is the order of the day. Basically, each new reshaping of a group produces a character all its own. Work has already begun on this. The group met on October 16. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the church social room. All high school youth in the community are invited.

JUNIOR HI YOUTH

A welcoming session for new members of the Junior Hi Youth Group was held on October 16. Games were played, food was eaten, kids started to find out new things about each other and a new youth combination got under way.

The next meeting is Sunday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m. All Monterey Youth in the 7th and 8th grades are invited. Let's get together and see what we can make of ourselves!

(Virgil Brallier is the leader of The Monterey and Junior Hi Youth Groups.)

TO OUR READERS

There is a great deal going on in Monterey, as can be seen from the two front-page news items of this issue. The Editor and the Managing Editor work together on the "Our Town" section of the MONTEREY NEWS, trying to keep the information as factual, accurate and uncontroversial as possible. We are a church-sponsored newspaper and do not feel it appropriate to become involved with "personality issues" nor to take sides in any of the conflicts which arise. We are, however, conscious of our responsibility to keep residents of Monterey informed, particularly those who are not here all year round and do not see articles which appear in the EAGLE and the COURIER. Won't you let us know if you feel we are not fulfilling this responsibility? Or, during the course of the month between issues of the NEWS, if you know of some aspect of life in the community that you feel we should deal with, won't you tell us? Write a letter to the Editor or call Patricia Howard (528-4879) or Virgil Brallier (528-1031). We would be grateful for such cooperation with our enterprise.

The Editor

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